

HOUSE BILL 3952
By Briley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
49-7-127, relative to group purchasing programs
for postsecondary and higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-127, is amended by deleting
subsection (b)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1)

(A) Any contract with a group purchasing program is not an exclusive
contract, permits purchasing from other lawful sources and by other lawful
means, and does not require payment or compensation by the governing board
or institution to the group purchasing program.

(B) For purposes of this section, membership in and the payment of
reasonable dues to a not-for-profit buying cooperative shall not be considered as
a payment or compensation and shall not be construed as prohibiting an
institution of higher education from making purchases of goods and services
through a group purchasing program;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.